Representations on New Drug Policy

2502. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation from small scale drug units against the new drug policy alleging that "new policy is only meant for the organised sector if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what remedial steps Government propose to take so as not to land 8000 small drug units in deep trouble ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Associations of Small Scale Drug units have represented against certain aspects of 'Modifications in Drug Policy' 1986'.

(b) Small Scale drug units will continue to enjoy benefits as available presently However, they would be required to follow ceiling prices in cases of formulation packs which are declared as ceiling packs by the Govt. in order to achieve uniformity of prices of formulations in the interest of the consumer.

MOU to set up joint venture in Oman

2503. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2284 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th August, 1994 and state :

(a) the time by which the fertilizer production will commence under this Joint Venture Project and the availability thereof in India;

(b) whether the fertilizers made available thus will make up the existing deficiency of fertilizers in the country; and

(c) if so, the extent thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) The viability and completion schedule of the proposed joint venture project would be known only after the finalisation of the detailed feasibility report, which would be available in July, 1995. However, it is tentatively estimated that the project would commence production in 1998-99.

The entire annual production of about 1.5 million tonnes of urea will be purchased by KRIBHCO/RCF under a buy-back agreement. To this extent, the gap between consumption and indigenous production of urea will be reduced.

Privatisation of loss making units of FCI

2504. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Fertilizer Corporation of India proposes to privatise its loss-making units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) No such proposal has been received from the Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited.

Vayudoot service for Arunachal Pradesh

2505. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any decision of Government to expand the Operational Network of Vayudoot services in Arunachal Pradesh--particularly to Pasighat, Daporizo, Along and Anini; and

(b) what is the reason for not operating flights to Pasighat and Along where commercial viabilities are available for many months?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Shortage of aircraft capacity and commercial constraints do not permit expansion of Vayudoot services in the State of Arunachal Pradesh at present.